

Strong Collaborations with Respect for Confidentiality: 10 Core Questions to Answer

- What is the purpose of this collaborative group?
 - Why was it created?
 - Why does it meet?
- Why is my *profession* part of this collaboration?
 - Why is my organization here?
- What is my role in this collaboration?
 - Why am I the person who participates?
- What are my restrictions on sharing information?
 - Legal restrictions?
 - Ethical constraints?
 - Strategic considerations?
- How do I ensure collaboration partners are aware of my restrictions?
- What are my collaboration partners' restrictions on sharing information?
 - Legal restrictions?
 - Ethical constraints?
 - Strategic considerations?
- What is role of crime victim in this collaboration?
 - Aware of its existence?
 - Able to participate directly?
 - Able to give input through members of group?
 - Informed about interactions?
- What are my *personal* connections to this group & people in it?
- What past experiences, if any, interfere with group working relationship?
 - Personal conflicts of interest?
 - Past experiences with group?
 - Past conflicts between organizations or professions?
- What is our group process for working together?
 - Who is leading?
 - If no identified leader, how do we decide things?
 - How do we resolve conflict?
 - What are the ground rules for interactions?
 - Have we formalized any group process in writing?